

Application No.: 10/008235

Case No.: 55393US011

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 64 are pending. Claims 1 to 7 and 28 to 63 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 8 and 64 are currently amended. Claims 26 and 27 are previously presented.

§ 103 Rejection

Claims 8-27 and 64 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 99/29787. Claims 8 and 64 are currently amended to remove the term "optional" such that the reactive diluent has an alkoxyated, radiation curable monomer comprising main-chain alkoxyated functionality in an amount of no more than about 10 weight percent.

As stated by the Examiner, WO 99/29787 does not teach any limitation with respect to the amount of alkoxyated, radiation curable monomer comprising main-chain alkoxyated functionality in an amount to be included in the composition or require that such a monomer be employed.

Applicant submits that WO 99/29787 does not teach or suggest all of the claim limitations, and respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Double Patenting

Claims 8-27 and 64 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. Applicant respectfully defers response to this rejection given the amendments to the claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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